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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, SF

SUBJ: CADMAN WINS PYRRHIC BY-ELECTION VICTORY

REF: DURBAN 269

1. NATAL UNITED PARTY LEADER CADMAN SQUEAKED THROUGH TO VICTORY BY 30 VOTE MARGIN (OF 6,546 VOTES CAST) OVER DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER GERDENER IN UMHLATUZANA BY-ELECTION JULY 31.

2. GERDENER THREATENING SEEK COURT REVIEW OF SOME 230 POSTAL VOTES, BUT THIS WILL NOT PREVENT CADMAN'S TAKING SEAT PENDING COURT DECISION. GERDENER INSISTING CLOSE OUTCOME HAS GIVEN NEW LIFE TO HIS DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

3. LOCAL INDIAN LEADER HAS LAID CHARGE OF INCITING RACIAL HOSTILITY AGAINST CADMAN FOR HIS CAMPAIGN WARNINGS AGAINST POSSIBLE INDIAN DOMINATION OF NATAL (REFTEL). POLICE INVESTIGATING MATTER TO SEE IF GROUNDS EXIST FOR FORMAL CHARGES TO BE LAID.

4. COMMENT: SINCE CONSTITUENCY PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED UNCLASSIFIED

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EMINENTLY "SAFE" UP SEAT AND IN VIEW 4,000 VOTE MAJORITY

ACHIEVED IN APRIL BY UP CANDIDATE (WHO RESIGNED TO MAKE WAY  
FOR CADMAN FOLLOWING DEFEAT IN HIS CONSTITUENCY),  
RESULT BEING INTERPRETED AS MORAL VICTORY FOR Gerdener  
AND BLOW TO CADMAN AND UP OLD GUARD. ALSO SEEN AS CON-  
TINUATION OF NATION-WIDE TREND AGAINST UP AND GENERAL  
DESIRE BY VOTERS TO SEE NEW FACES AND NEW IDEAS IN PARLIA-  
MENT. NARROW VICTORY WILL NOT ENHANCE CADMAN'S PRESTIGE.  
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